

Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 1, 2, 5 and 12 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Fan (U.S. Patent No. 5,602,908). These claims, however, are patentable over Fan for the reasons set forth below.

Applicants' invention as recited by claim 1, includes a feature which is neither disclosed nor suggested by the art of record, namely:

. . .a plurality of caller groups. . .

a plurality of input devices, each of which
corresponds to a respective one of said caller groups,

a memory for storing the transmitted caller
information. . .in one of said groups responsive to
activation of a respective one of said input devices. . .

Thus, as shown in Figure 1, pushbuttons 15a thru d are included. In order to relate caller information to a caller group, the respective pushbutton is pushed.

Fan discloses priority callers which is analogous to Applicants' caller groups. Fan, however, lacks the one-to-one correspondence of input devices and caller groups so that caller data can be readily placed in a caller group by simply pushing the appropriate switch. As this feature is neither disclosed nor suggested by Fan, claim 1 is patentable over Fan.

Applicants have also added new claim 14. Claim 14 is supported by Figure 1 and the text which relates to Figure 1. No new matter has been added. Claim 14 additionally recites a one-to-one correspondence between caller groups and indicators which indicate whether caller information corresponds to any of the caller groups. Thus, claim 14 covers the features of respective relationships between caller groups, input devices and indicators. As this feature is neither disclosed nor suggested by the art of record, claim 14 is patentable over the art of record.

Claims 2, 5 and 12 all include the features of claim 1 from which they depend. Thus, claims 2, 5 and 12 are also patentable over the art of record for the reasons set forth above.

Claims 3, 4, 9, 10 and 13 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fan in view of Uyeno (U.S. Patent No. 5,946,636) or Bushnell (U.S. Patent No. 6,289,084). It is respectfully submitted, however, that these claims are patentable over the art of record for the reasons set forth below.

Applicants' invention, as recited by claim 3, includes a feature which is neither disclosed nor suggested by the art of record, namely:

. . .said light source emits a first color light when the caller information detected by said information detector coincides with the caller information stored in said caller group in said memory and said controller causes the identification in display of said caller group in said memory. . .

Fan discloses a plurality of LEDs which are illuminated depending upon the priority of the call. Uyeno and Bushnell also disclose systems for caller identification. None of these references, however, disclose the ability to illuminate a light source when caller information corresponds with a caller group in said memory. Thus, claim 3 is patentable over the art of record.

Claims 4, 9, 10 and 13 all include the features of claim 3 from which they depend. These claims are thus patentable over the art of record for the reasons set forth above.

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In view of the amendments and arguments set forth above, the above-identified application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested.

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